

(c) how much time it will take for its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) is working on the construction of a new runway and new airport passenger terminal building at Delhi airport.

(b) The new runway will be 4.4 km long and A-380 compatible. The new Passenger Terminal Building will have 55 contact gates, catering to both domestic and international traffic. With these new facilities, the airport will be able to handle 37 million passengers per annum.

(c) The new runway and Passenger Terminal Building are expected to be completed by March, 2008 and March, 2010 respectively.

Review of norms for new airlines

1358. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to take a fresh look at the existing entry barriers for new airlines to enter the Indian skies, maintaining that there has been no clampdown on issuing fresh licenses to serious players;

(b) whether Government are planning to erect a host of checks and balances to permit only serious and financially sound aviation ventures as airline industry is cruising deeper into red zone and losses are mounting;

(c) if so, what are the other main reasons for revising the entry barriers; and

(d) by when final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The Government has a laid down policy with regard to grant of No-Objection Certificate (NOC) to new airlines. This policy is reviewed from time to time depending on the growth and requirements of civil aviation sector.